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1. SUMMARY: SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA AND PARTY MET
WITH EC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER, CLAUDE CHEYSSON AND
EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND OFFICIALS, FEBRUARY 25. DIS-
CUSSIONS, DESIGNED TO LEND SYMBOLIC EC POLITICAL SUPPORT
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TO SWAPO CAUSE, FOCUSSED ON NUJOMA'S: (A) POSITIVE VIEW
OF EFFORTS BY WESTERN-5; (B) APPRECIATION FOR EC DEVELOP-
MENT ASSISTANCE FOR NAMIBIAN PEOPLE ADMINISTERED THROUGH
NEIGHBORING ACP COUNTRIES; (C) DISPLEASURE WITH EC
UNWILLINGNESS TO APPLY GREATER ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
PRESSURES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. ON EC SIDE,
CHEYSSON INDICATED THAT COMMUNITY AS SUCH COULD NOT PRO-

VIDE GREATER DIRECT ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AT PRESENT BUT WOULD DO SO IN THE EVENT AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA BECAME A LOME CONVENTION ASSOCIATE. NUJOMA GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 24, HIGHLIGHTS OF WHICH ARE SUMMARIZED IN PARA. 4 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE INVITATION OF THE EC COMMISSION, SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA MET WITH EC COMMISSIONER FOR DEVELOPMENT, CLAUDE CHEYSSON, AND HIS STAFF, FEBRUARY 25. CHEYSSON ALSO HOSTED A LUNCH ATTENDED BY BRUSSELS UN INFORMATION AND LIAISON REPS WHO--TOGETHER WITH CHEYSSON'S CHEF DE CABINET--PROVIDED MISSION OFFICER FOLLOWING READOUT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH SWAPO PRESIDENT:

A. NUJOMA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DANIEL TJONGAGERO, VICE PRESIDENT OF SWAPO, IDENTIFIED AS FROM "INTERIOR OF NAMIBIA"; PASTOR HENDRICK WITBOOI, SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, ALSO "INTERIOR OF NAMIBIA"; KAPUKA NAUYALA, SECRETARY TO SWAPO PRESIDENT; AND SHAPUA KAUNGUA, SWAPO REPRESENTATIVE FOR W. EUROPE, BASED IN LONDON. MAIN PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO BRIEF EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS ON PROXIMITY TALKS IN NEW YORK AND TO GAIN EC POLITICAL SUPPORT FOR SWAPO POSITION VIS-A-VIS SOUTH AFRICA.

B. WHILE DISCUSSIONS WERE LARGELY HARMONIOUS, NUJOMA, IN COURSE OF BRIEFING COMMISSION OFFICIALS ON PROXIMITY
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TALKS, REPORTEDLY SEIZED OPPORTUNITY TO "EDUCATE" CHEYSSON AND OTHERS ON NEED FOR EC COUNTRIES TO ADHERE TO UN RESOLUTIONS ON SOUTH AFRICA AND, PARTICULARLY, FOR CERTAIN EC MEMBERS TO CEASE COLLABORATING "MILITARILY, ECONOMICALLY AND SCIENTIFICALLY" WITH SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT (SAG). (WE ARE TOLD NUJOMA DREW INVIDIOUS COMPARISON BETWEEN EC-9 AND SOVIET UNION IN THIS REGARD.) SWAPO PRESIDENT ALSO REPORTEDLY SURPRISED AND IRRITATED COMMISSION OFFICIALS BY SUGGESTING THAT COMMUNITY MEMBER STATES SHOULD BREAK FORMAL RELATIONS WITH SAG; CHEYSSON REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE NINE TO EXERT PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA IN FUTURE IF RELATIONS WERE BROKEN.

C. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, NUJOMA REPORTEDLY INDICATED HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT A SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN ISSUE WILL BE ACHIEVED IN 1978; HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE INTRANSIGENCE OF VORSTER "RACIST REGIME" AND NOT TO THE WESTERN-5, WHICH, IN HIS VIEW, HAVE MADE A VERY POSITIVE EFFORT. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT EC'S CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FIRMS OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA IS "AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD".

D. ON QUESTION OF ECONOMIC AID FOR NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, THE TWO SIDES REPORTEDLY REVIEWED SCOPE OF 600,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT PROVIDED OVER FIVE YEARS (1975-80) BY EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (EDF) TO NAMIBIA INSTITUTE IN LUSAKA. (1 U.A. EQUALS APPROXIMATELY \$1.25.) THESE FUNDS ARE NOT PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO NAMIBIA, BUT BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH GOVERNMENTS OF ZAMBIA, BOTSWANA AND TANZANIA (ALL ACP STATES ASSOCIATED WITH EC UNDER LOME CONVENTION), TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS ARE EARMARKED BY PROXY FOR NAMIBIAN STUDENTS IN LUSAKA. OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE A CADRE OF TRAINED PERSONNEL TO STAFF FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA. FOOD AID FOR NAMIBIAN REFUGEES IN ZAMBIA

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IS ALSO PROVIDED UNDER SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS. SWAPO PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY ASKED FOR DIRECT EC AID, BUT WAS TOLD THAT COMMUNITY'S HANDS ARE TIED SINCE NAMIBIA IS NOT A MEMBER OF LOME CONVENTION. ON OTHER HAND, COMMISSION OFFICIALS EMPHASIZED NEED TO BEGIN PREPARING FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE AND DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY AND

DESIRABILITY OF FUTURE NAMIBIAN ADHERENCE TO LOME. IT WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY SUGGESTED BY CHEYSSON THAT SOME EDF MONIES EARMARKED FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN ACP STATES COULD EVENTUALLY BE RE-ALLOCATED TO NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, IF GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED AGREED.

3. GIVEN COMMISSION'S INABILITY TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT
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ON FURTHER ECONOMIC AID, COMMISSION OFFICIALS, IN BRIEFING MISSION OFFICER, EMPHASIZED POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF SWAPO PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO EC HEADQUARTERS. IN THIS REGARD, THEY UNDERScored NUJOMA'S ASSERTION THAT PROXIMITY TALKS ARE USEFUL, AND THAT DESPITE CERTAIN PROBLEMS (I.E., WALVIS BAY AND NUMBER AND LOCATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS TO BE STATIONED IN NAMIBIAN TERRITORY DURING ELECTION PERIOD) SWAPO "LEAVES THE DOOR OPEN" TO RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN NEW YORK.

4. AT FEBRUARY 24 PRESS CONFERENCE, NUJOMA'S OPENING STATEMENT REITERATED SUBSTANCE OF HIS FEBRUARY 16 STATEMENT TO THE PRESS IN NEW YORK. IN ADDITION, HE ATTACKED SAG POLICY OF ESTABLISHING BANTUSTANS IN NAMIBIAN TERRITORY WHICH "PROVIDE VORSTER REGIME WITH BASES FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST ANGOLA AND NAMIBIA". HE ASSERTED THAT SAG CALL FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE BY DECEMBER 31 IS "NOT GENUINE". IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, SWAPO PRESIDENT MADE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

-- ANGOLA, WHICH OFFERS POLITICAL ASYLUM TO NAMIBIANS, IS A PROGRESSIVE, FRIENDLY STATE;

-- PRESS STORIES ABOUT SWAPO "ABDUCTION" OF NAMIBIAN YOUTH ARE SAG FABRICATIONS TO COVER UP EMBARRASSING VOLUNTARY MIGRATION TO ANGOLA;

-- FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE, NAMIBIA WOULD HAVE NO RELATIONS OR COMMERCIAL DEALINGS WITH SAG BECAUSE LATTER IS AN "ILLEGAL" ENTITY;

-- SWAPO IS THE SOLE ORGANIZATION FIGHTING FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE AND NO ADDITIONAL (I.E., CUBAN) ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED OR SOUGHT;
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-- ARMS PROVIDED TO SOUTH AFRICA BY SOME EC MEMBER STATES

WERE USED BY POLICE TO PUT DOWN RESISTANCE AT SOWETO IN
JUNE 1976;

-- IN LIGHT OF UN RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR SANCTIONS
AGAINST SAG, EC-9 MUST IMMEDIATELY CEASE ALL ARMS
SHIPMENTS TO VORSTER REGIME. HINTON

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